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SUBJECT:CSCE: NORWEGIAN CONCERN RE EC DRAFT ON PROJECTS OF
COMMON INTEREST

1. AMBASSADOR SOMMERFELT OF NORWAY SAW MR. HARTMAN ON MARCH 7. CURRENT US-EC RELATIONS WERE DISCUSSED (SEE SEPTTEL). HE ALSO DELIVERED A POUR MEMOIRE GIVING NORWEGIAN VIEWS ON A DISCUSSION TO BE HELD IN THE NATO CAUCUS AT THE CSCE IN GENEVA ON MARCH 11 CONCERNING AN EC PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE ENERGY POLICY AS A "PROJECT OF COMMON INTEREST" IN BASKET 2.

2. THE POUR MEMOIRE STATES THAT THE EC INIATIVE SEEMS TO
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BE MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES

STEMMING FROM COOPERATION WITH THE USSR IN THE ENERGY SECTOR. NORWAY FEELS THAT, AS AN OIL PRODUCER, AND BECAUSE OF ITS GEOGRAPHIC POSITION NEXT TO THE USSR, IT IS IMPORTANT TO AVOID THE IMPRESSION THAT NORWEGIAN ENERGY POLICY, ESPECIALLY THAT RELATING TO ITS NORTHERNMOST AREAS, IS BEING DISCUSSED IN THE NATO CONTEXT. NORWAY WANTS ANY PROPOSAL RE COOPERATION TO BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL CONTROL OVER THE EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THEIR CONCERN IS THAT ANY SUCH RESOLUTION "COULD CONSTITUTE A PLATFORM FOR SOVIET CLAIMS WHICH MIGHT SERIOUSLY HAMPER NORWAY IN PURSUING HER OIL POLICY IN FULL INDEPENDENCE". THEREFORE,

NORWAY WILL NOT AGREE TO ANY COMMITMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT ENERGY RESOURCES BE MADE SUBJECT TO COMMON EXPLOITATION OR TO AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING PROSPECTING AND EXPLOITATION OR CONCERNING RESERVES OF OIL OR OTHER ENERGY SOURCES. NOR WILL NORWAY ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANY KIND OF PRACTICAL COOPERATION REGARDING PROSPECTING AND EXPLOITATION WHICH AIM AT PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL CONSORTIA FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

3. SOMMERFELT NOTED THAT SIMILAR DEMARCHES WERE TAKING PLACE IN LONDON, BONN AND BRUSSELS. HE NOTED THAT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT NOW PROPOSES TO BEGIN EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF THE 62ND PARALLEL, IN THE AREA OF SOVIET INTEREST. NEGOTIATIONS TO DRAW UP AN OFF SHORE BOUNDARY LINE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY AND NORWAY WANTS NOTHING TO HAPPEN WHICH WILL IN ANY WAY WEAKEN OR JEOPARDIZE ITS POSITION IN THE NORTH. HE WAS AWARE THAT OTHER CONSUMING NATIONS, SUCH AS THE GERMANS, ARE MAKING PLANS FOR COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

4. HARTMAN SAID THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THE NORWEGIAN CONCERN, WHICH SEEMS TO BE SHARED ALSO BY THE CANADIANS, BUT HE THOUGHT IT WAS ALSO UNDERSTANDABLE THAT THE EUROPEANS WOULD TRY TO ENCOURAGE EXPLOITATION IN EASTERN EUROPE IN LIGHT OF THEIR DEPENDENCE UPON IMPORTED OIL. HE NOTED THAT THE EC DRAFT SEEMED TO LEAVE COOPERATION CONFIDENTIAL

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UP TO THE PARTICIPATING STATES. HARTMAN, HOWEVER, SAID THAT OUR DELEGATION WOULD WORK WITH THE NORWEGIAN AND CANADIAN DELEGATES TO WATER DOWN THE EC DRAFT SO THAT IT WOULD BE LESS SPECIFIC. HARTMAN DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONVINCE THE EC TO WITHDRAW THE PROPOSAL COMPLETELY.

5. ACTION: DELEGATION IS REQUESTED TO SUPPORT THE

NORWEGIAN DELEGATION IN SEEKING TO OBTAIN LANGUAGE WHICH
EMPHASIZES VOLUNTARY AND NON-COMPULSORY NATURE OF PRO-
POSED COOPERATION AND BROADENS FOCUS BEYOND ENERGY
TO INCLUDE OTHER RESOURCES, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, ASKING EC
TO ABANDON SPECIFIC MENTION OF ENERGY. KISSINGER

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